

Make 'n Take



Name of Make 'n Take: Mwakwa Talks to the Moon (Storytelling as an oral tradition)

Theme & Topic: The First Nations Struggle to be Recognized as Nations – The First Nations Return to their Languages and Cultural Teachings

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Materials:

Book: *Mwakwa Talks to the Loon* by Dale Auger

Scissors, glue, Popsicles sticks, foam or felt: green light and dark blue, black, white, 3 dowels for tipi, sequins, stone, Play-Doh or Plasticine modeling clay.

Procedure:

1. Read the story *Mwakwa Talks to the Loon*.
2. Using the book as a resource and guide, make a finger puppet of Mwakwa, the hunter and a 3 dimensional background- tipi, trees, fishes to be used in the storytelling of Mwakwa.

Puppet/ Items to make:

1. Mwakwa- finger puppet made of light brown felt with dark brown vest with sequins, black yarn for hair and feathers in the hair.

2. Loon- stone body with plasticine head, two feathers added on back of stone and red sequins eyes.
3. Tipi- use dowels for poles (3) and either light brown felt or brown paper to cover poles. Leave an opening at the top and in front to decorate tipi.
4. Tree- made of green felt with brown foam for trunk.
5. Water- pieces of blue paper or felt glued down.
6. Fish- one dimensional, made of blue felt with markings in black marker.

Student Task-

Have students practice and re-tell *Mwakwa Talks to the Loon* using the items they have created.